Solomon’s Advice

Ecclesiastes 2:4-11, 12:13-14

I made myself great works. I built myself houses. I planted myself vineyards. I made myself gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit. I made myself pools of water, to water from it the forest where trees were reared.

I bought male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem.

I also gathered silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got myself male and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men—musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

So I was great, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired, I kept nothing from them. I did not withhold my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor, and this was my portion from all my activities.

Then I looked at all the works that my hands had done, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was no profit under the sun...

This is the conclusion when all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.

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New Year Revolutions

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We all make new year resolutions. Why not try revolutions instead?

Here are three things that you can revolutionize, and by doing so get a life.

The thing to do with these things is lessen them a lot. (I feel a pun coming on —this is a lesson about what to lessen).

Get rid of these things when they are inappropriate and where they are spoiling your life.

These three devils are...

ANXIETY
APATHY
ACTIVITY